

THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS

MINUTES OF THE 1/29/2013 MEETING

The Meeting convened at 1:00pm at the Gashes Creek Road Recreation Division Office.

Those attending: Mary Albert, Jan Banks, Debra Collington, Karl Katterjohn, Mike Lathrop, Richard Leatherman, Michael Reich, Gayle Sovinee, Ken Vasilik

Guests: Ed Brown, Dana Hallfors, Alyce Knafllich, Allan Perkal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introductions were made by the attendees.

Motion made, seconded and passed that the 10/23/12 meeting minutes be accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Michael Reich reported the balance of our budget to be \$976.00

Old Business

A thank you was extended to the members that attending our December luncheon

New Business

Upcoming nominations of new officers per committee Bylaws will occur at our March meeting with elections to occur this April. Michael will be vacating his membership starting in April per committee Bylaws.

Vietnam Veteran of America (VVA) Chapter 124: Mr. Hallfors and Mr. Parkal members provided material to the members about the VVA and shared that their chapter formed in 1984 and has a membership of 95 locally. Their chapter provides scholarships to the children of veterans, sponsors the traveling wall and meets the second Tuesday of each month at the VAMC multipurpose room at 6:00 pm. Both expressed interest with being considered for membership. Secretary will send membership applications to them.

Michael plans to contact the Mayor for guidance on setting up a committee meeting time that will work for her schedule.

Ed Brown, Army 1986-1994 Air Born Division introduced himself for membership consideration. He is currently a lead case manager at the Veterans Restoration Quarters. Motion made, seconded and passed to approve Ed to committee membership.

Chris Tyler's application will be table until next meeting.

Veterans forum: Discussion occurred around forming a subcommittee to plan for this. Gayle, Debra and Ed Brown volunteered to work on planning. The members identified areas for the forum to represent to be employment, transportation, VA claims, housing, health care, education, OIF/OEF components, family services, guidance to active duty soldiers. Members asked that we be targeting a date no sooner than the Fall. Finding an appropriate location, advertising and funding the event will both need to be discussed.

Sandra Travis city program supervisor for festivals has reserved the Pack Square location for the Memorial Day event Noon to 5:00pm. Ken volunteered to chair the Memorial Day planning Subcommittee. Michael and Jan volunteered to help with planning. Ms. Travis informed Michael that the Downtown Association is creating an event for Memorial Day weekend. Michael plans to notify them of our planning.

Upcoming Events

1. Buncombe County Veterans Council meeting Feb. 14@6:00 at the VAMC Multipurpose room.
2. Tribute to Women Veterans will be held on March 29@6:30 PM at the Jubilee Center 46 Wall Street.
3. Sons of Veteran member identified that the State Veterans Home in Black Mountain is seeking clothing donations. The point of contact is a Mrs. Gibson.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2013 at 1:00pm at the Recreation Division Office on Gashes Creek Rd.